



# KEYWORDS

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## July Meeting Notes

The Commodore Users Group of St. Louis welcomes Jason Whitener back as a member. He dropped out sometime ago due to other commitments. Jason is very knowledgeable about the Commodore and will bring new life to the club.

With 7 members present some time was spent becoming reacquainted with Jason and our experiences and his over the years.

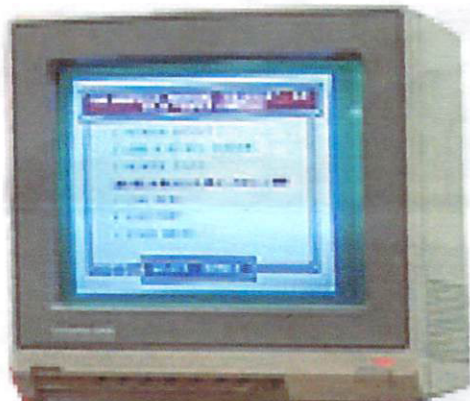


This month's program by Joe McDevitt was The Fun Graphics Machine. After booting the program he ran the builtin demo which shows the many features of FGM. Then followed up by explaining and using each feature. Joe explained the ease and versatility of placing, moving, rotating or reversing graphics. Although there is very few graphics in FGM the ability to import graphics from another program such as Printshop gives the user an unlimited amount of graphics to work with.

You can work with more than one screen at a time and go back and forth between screens with a keystroke.

Because of the ability to mix and place text and graphics, this is a good program to make and print brochures.

Below is one of the many menus in FGM.



## Subject: Computer Gender

An English teacher was explaining to his students the concept of gender association in the English language. He noted how hurricanes at one time were given only female names, and how ships and planes were usually referred to as "she." One of the students raised her hand and asked, "What gender is a computer?" The teacher wasn't certain. So he divided the class into two groups: males in one, females in the other, and asked them to decide if a computer should be masculine or feminine. Both groups were asked to give four reasons for their recommendations.

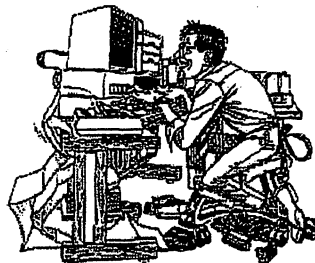
The group of women concluded that computers should be referred to as masculine because:

9. You can flash any Print statement in the C-128's 80 column mode by adding a CHR\$(15) or a CONTROL/O between the PRINT and the quotation mark.
  10. 1902A owners, for a clearer screen and increased resolution on your 80-column C-128, type: POKE 54784,9:POKE 54785,232
  11. To "cold start" your C-64 or C-128 in 64 mode without turning off, type SYS64738 whenever the cursor is blinking. On the C-128, in 128 mode, SYS16384 will work also, in 40 or 80 columns.
  12. Here are three ways to run a machine language program: First, try typing LOAD"FILENAME",8,1 (RETURN), and then RUN (RETURN). If that doesn't work, type SYS49152 in Direct mode when the screen says READY. This is the starting address of many machine language programs. If all else fails, you can learn the starting address of a machine language program by using Shell or a similar utility. Once you have the program's address, just type SYS and the address.
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## **YOU KNOW YOU'RE LIVING IN THE YEAR 2002 WHEN:**

- a. Your reason for not staying in touch with family is because they do not have an e-mail address.
- b. You have a list of 15 phone numbers to reach your family of three.
- c. Your grandmother asks you to send her a JPEG file of your newborn so she can create a screen saver.
- d. You pull up in your own driveway and use your cell phone to see if anyone is home.
- e. Every commercial on television has a web site address at the bottom of the screen.
- f. You buy a computer and 3 months later it is out of date and now sells for half the price you paid.

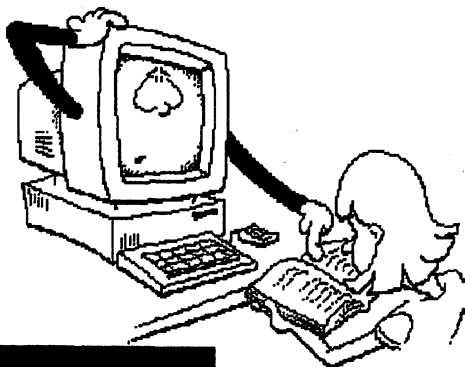
- g. Leaving the house without your cell phone, which you didn't have the first 20 or 30 years of your life, is now a cause for panic and you turn around to go get it.
- h. Using real money, instead of credit or debit, to make a purchase would be a hassle and take planning.
- i. You just tried to enter your password on the microwave.
- j. You consider second-day air delivery painfully slow.
- k. Your dining room table is now your flat filing cabinet.
- l. Your idea of being organized is multiple-colored Post-it notes.
- m. You hear most of your jokes via e-mail instead of in person.
- n. You get an extra phone line so you can get phone calls.
- o. You disconnect from the Internet and get this awful feeling, as if you just pulled the plug on a loved one.
- p. You get up in the morning and go online before getting your coffee.
- q. You wake up at 2 AM to go to the bathroom and check your E-mail on your way back to bed.
- r. You start tilting your head sideways to smile. :)
- s. You're reading this.
- t. Even worse; you're going to forward it to someone else.



1. In order to get their attention, you have to turn them on.
2. They have a lot of data but are still clueless.
3. They are supposed to help you solve your problems, but half the time, they ARE the problem.
4. As soon as you commit to one, you realize that, if you had waited a little longer, you could have had a better model.

The men, on the other hand, decided that computers should definitely be referred to as feminine because:

1. No one but their creator understands their internal logic.
2. The native language they use to communicate with other computers is incomprehensible to everyone else.
3. Even your smallest mistakes are stored in long-term memory for later retrieval.
4. As soon as you make a commitment to one, you find yourself spending half your paycheck on accessories for it.



## **TIPS**

One of the best features of the Commodore 64 and 128 is the fun of writing your own programs. Here are some tips that may be of help.

1. To change the background color (64/128, 40 columns) type: POKE 53281,X

To change the background color (128, 80 columns): COLOR6,X

To change border color (64/128, 40 columns): poke 53280,X

To change cursor color (64): poke 646,X (X=1 to 16)

To change cursor color (128, 40 or 80 column): COLOR,5X (X=1 to 16)

2. When using the C-64, instead of typing LOAD"\$",8 and list to check how many blocks are free on a disk, use LOAD"\$0",8" followed by LIST, and you won't have to wait for all the filenames to appear.
3. If you are a C-128 owner, or if you own a C-64 with JiffyDos, FastLoad, or another utility cartridge, you can automatically load and run the first Basic program on your disk. Simply insert the disk into your drive and then press the SHIFT and RUN-STOP keys simultaneously. No need to type the LOAD or RUN command. Remember: C-64 owners can take advantage of this only if they have a utility cartridge.
4. To switch between 40 and 80 columns from within a program, type SYS65375 and press the RETURN key. Or Press ESCAPE/X.
5. To save space and speed up your Basic programs, use multiple statements per line, separated by a colon.
6. To vary the speed of a program listing in 128 mode, press ESCAPE/A to select Insert mode. Your listings will now scroll very slowly until you hit ESCAPE/C, RESET or RUN-STOP/RESTORE, all of which will return you to normal speed.
7. When you put your 128D in 64 mode, either by turning it on with the COMMODORE key pressed or by typing GOTO64, be sure that your drive is in the correct mode also. To do this, press the drive reset button or enter: OPEN 15,8,15, "U0>M0":CLOSE 15
8. To move the cursor in Quote mode, press SHIFT/RETURN. This will bring you down to the next line without entering the line you just typed into memory. To quit the Quote mode on the C-128, just press the ESCAPE key twice.

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